

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible tentpole comprising:

~~A~~ a series of hollow shafts connected by insertion into each other; and

~~An~~ an elastic cord having two ends arranged in the shafts with both said ends secured to the two endmost shafts,

~~Wherein~~ wherein at least one groove is arranged on at least one end of the shaft.

2. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in

claim 1, wherein ~~one or more~~ at least one sleeve tube is secured to one end of one shaft, and the said grooves are arranged on one end of ~~the~~ said sleeve tube.

3. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in

claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein ~~the~~ said at least one groove is shaped into a smooth ~~are~~ arcuate configuration.

4. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in

claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein the end of a shaft or a sleeve tube is of a wave configuration and the wave bottom of which forms ~~the~~ said at least one groove.

5. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein ~~the~~ a ring end of the shaft or the sleeve tube is diagonal, and ~~the~~ a bottom of the diagonal ring end together with the hollow interior of the shaft or the sleeve tube forms ~~the~~ said at least one groove.

6. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein ~~the~~ said at least one groove is a two-section groove with an upper section including two downwards extending arcs and a lower section including two grooves that extend downwards from the bottom of the upper section.

7. (Currently Amended) The collapsible tentpole as recited in claim 1 ~~and 2~~, wherein the number of ~~the~~ said at least one groove is 2-6.